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Your Excellency,

Greetings from this beautiful, holy place of Bethlehem! I hope this finds you well and safe.

In his first interview as Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, His Eminence Fernando Cardinal Filoni spoke of the work of the Order in its support of the community in the Holy Land. His Eminence stated, "first is related to the Christians who live there; in this sense, the donations of the Members of the Order go to support poor families, primary and secondary schools, Bethlehem University, health care institutions, and today refugees." As Vice Chancellor (President) of Bethlehem University, I can say without reservation that the University would not exist but for the generosity of the Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. I thank you for your continued support of our work of creating an Oasis of Peace in the Holy Land.

Because of the generosity of the Order, construction is underway for His Eminence John Patrick Cardinal Foley Hall. Cardinal Foley Hall will honor the life and legacy of our former Grand Master and serve as a lasting testament to the special friendship that exists between the Order and the University.

Once completed, Foley Hall will house the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences. The building is a gift to all the people of the Holy Land as the graduates of Nursing and Health Sciences bring quality healthcare and Christian formation to all people in need, regardless of race or creed. Many Lieutenancies have underwritten the costs associated with the construction of portions of the building by purchasing naming rights and others have chosen to create perpetual support for the Faculty (School) of Nursing and Health Sciences by creating an endowed fund.

Knowing that the construction of Foley Hall would not be possible but for the generous support of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, I write to invite you and the Knights and Dames of the España Oriental Lieutenancy to join with your fellow Knights and Dames from around the world and the community at Bethlehem University for the formal dedication of John Patrick Cardinal Foley Hall, scheduled for Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. A more detailed schedule of events will follow in the coming weeks, but I write now in order to provide advanced notice mindful that international pilgrimages take time to coordinate and the difficulties of these present times.

Thank you again for your generous support of Bethlehem University. Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns by email: [pbray@bethlehem.edu](mailto:pbray@bethlehem.edu).

Sincerely,

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